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**Councilmember Gloria Aims for Resolution of Medical Marijuana
Dispensary Debate**

Land Use and Housing Committee to Recommend Policy for Dispensaries

SAN DIEGO, CA (March 24, 2010) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria aims to resolve the debate surrounding medical marijuana dispensaries at today's meeting of the Land Use and Housing Committee, which he chairs. The meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room on the 12th floor of the City Administration Building, 202 C Street.

"Safe access to medical marijuana should be provided to patients, and clear permitting guidelines should be developed for the dispensaries to decrease negative community impacts. I am confident my colleagues on the Land Use and Housing Committee will craft a recommended policy that addresses both of these needs," said Councilmember Gloria.

At the request of Councilmember Gloria, Councilmembers shared their recommendations for dispensary permitting via memoranda, allowing for committee members and the public to fully review and consider the suggestions prior to the meeting.

"San Diegans have provided critical input on every aspect of the medical marijuana debate, and anticipate a lively, intelligent and productive public dialogue at tomorrow's meeting," said Councilmember Gloria. **"It is time we will move beyond the pure debate and take action."**

Councilmember Gloria intends to gain consensus from the Land Use and Housing Committee on the shape of a permitting policy for medical marijuana dispensaries and direct City staff to craft language for consideration by the full City Council in the coming months.

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Councilmember Gloria welcomes media inquiries and on-air interviews about this important topic. He is available immediately prior to the 2:00 p.m. hearing and throughout the day upon request. Please contact Katie Keach by calling 858-245-7673 or emailing kkeach@sandiego.gov to make arrangements.